

A close-up photograph of the fore-edge of a book. The book is bound in a dark, textured cover, possibly leather or cloth. The pages are visible, showing a light brown or tan color, indicating age. The binding is visible in the center, showing the stitching or glue. The book is resting on a dark, textured surface, likely a carpet or rug.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

DEATH OF COMMANDER ROMILLY.

The following telegram was received yesterday at the War Office from Brigadier-General Sir Evelyn Wood:

Newcastle, March 24, 8.50 a.m. "Going up to Camp Prospect tomorrow. Have seen Fraser. All officers behaved quite perfectly in action on Sunday. Two companies 92nd fought admirably, but our men (350 all told), were greatly outnumbered and attacked on all sides. Sir George shot dead in fighting line, Fraser and Hay close to him."

Mount Prospect, Thursday. Commander Romilly died to-day. He has been buried in the presence of all the officers, detachments of each regiment attending.

Our men engaged in erecting forts.

The Boers are still in force on the Amajuba Mountain.

Sir Evelyn Wood has just arrived. He was met at Schain's Hoof by a squadron of Hussars, and escorted in to camp. Rain is falling in torrents.

STAFF OF IRELAND.

THE COERCION ACT.

Our Dublin correspondent telegraphed last night:—"The news of the passing of the Coercion Act was received in Dublin yesterday without any special manifestation of excitement, and it is probably owing to the absence of the leaders of the Land League that no demonstration of any kind has up to the present taken place. It was by many believed that a number of arrests would be made to-day (Thursday); but the heads of the police department have not yet, it is stated, received any definite instructions. Mr. Dillon is expected to return from London on Saturday, and it is probable that he will speak on Sunday at one of the land meetings in the country. It is understood that the League are busily engaged in organizing a series of demonstrations for next Sunday week, and Mr. Parnell may attend some of the twenty meetings which it is proposed to hold. Several of the prominent county members of the League are at present in Dublin. The further action of the leaders of the League is awaited with interest."

The *Irishman* newspaper, in an article headed "Evil Omens," commenting upon the attempted murder of Mr. Heane, says:—"What we consider to be most serious and grave, next to the attempt itself, is that the occurrence of this and another but lesser outrage is coincident with the enactment of coercion, as some represent them, the recurrence of such offences after an interval of tranquillity dating almost from the commencement of the Parliamentary session would show that the hope of speedy redress is giving way to a reckless speculation. This indeed would be an evil omen, for we have no belief that coercion can prevent such outrages as these. Therefore, as the only sufficient preventive, it is imperative on the Government to bring in a thorough land bill that an eternal end may be put to those detestable offences which spring from the wretched wrath of class feuds."

A deputation representing 500 tenants in the King's County and county of Tipperary, waited on the Earl of Rosse, at Parsonstown yesterday, requesting an abatement in the current half-year's rent. Lord Rosse offered to allow 15 per cent. reduction on the entire rental, but the tenants demanded 20 per cent. The conference ended without result and the tenants left without paying their rent.

Two arrests have been made at Claremorris, in connection with the attempted murder of Heane, land agent to Mr. de Montmorency.

Several of the Ballinrobe labourers who refused to enter Captain Boycott's employment have returned to work at Lough Mask Farm, and it is believed that the others would gladly do so too if labour could be found for them.

Dr. Kenny, after examining Michael Davitt, reports that he had gained in weight since his imprisonment, and was on the whole in better health than at the time of his arrest.

There was an unusually large number of departures by steamboat from Dublin on Wednesday night, and many Irish visitors have since taken up their residence with friends in Chester, Crew, Stafford and London. After the meeting of the Privy Council in Dublin Castle, proclamation of the districts placed under the operation of the Protection of Person and Property (Ireland) Bill will be made in the *Dublin Gazette*. No arrests will be made until these formalities have been complied with.

Mr. Forster is expected to leave Dublin to-night for London.

People are never satisfied. Last week we were all at stewing point; now the teeth of our early-rising subscribers chatter gently under the influence of a mild autumnal frost. Such is life. The city is filling fast with families returning from their summer quarters.

ROSARIO

(From our own Correspondent)

March 25th. What an error the founders of the Argentine Nationality committed, when, unwittingly, and ignoring the difference of origin, customs, laws and race between the two countries, they jugged in the United States Constitution by the ears, and set it up as our standard. There is no political error so downright stupid as that which supposes that all men and nations can be governed by the same code of laws. Apart from a few great and universal political doctrines that should be the patrimony of every human being, governments are obliged to adapt themselves to the rude necessities of customs, creeds, climates race and mode of being. The trial by jury would be a useless institution in a country where the people have no respect for an oath. Ample political equality cannot with safety be allowed to a people who cannot read nor write. And, coming to the point, there was a great error giving the Federal form of Government to the Argentine nation, composed of a number of independent states, from time immemorial at variance with each other, and for ever arrogating to themselves sovereign privileges. There never would have been a united Italy had the federal system been adopted in that country. Chile was wiser in its generation.

Questions of limits; questions of jurisdiction; questions of political and electoral propaganda, are continually arising between these semi-independent potentates called governors of Provinces, and the National Government appears impotent to put a stop to the scandal in any other way than by expensive "intervenciones." The most recent of these inter-provincial squabbles is between Catamarca and Santiago. If we cannot get rid of federal states, let us at least have a strong central government, and build an adobe wall, about ten feet high, round each and all of the provinces, and prohibit the inhabitants trespassing on each other territory.

By the bye, do you ever open the provincial papers in the *Standard* Office? They seldom repay the trouble, it is true; but I advise you to make an exception in favour of *La Razon* of Tucuman. It is one of the spiciest papers in the Republic. The editor fills up two pages, three times a week, with interesting matter got up in a very readable style, and even the leaders are written with spirit. There is a discussion in Tucuman as to the route the Juiz extension of the Northern Railway should take. *La Razon* apparently patronizes the proper route, in very good articles, something in the *Standard* style. His opponent objects to the witty way in which a serious subject is treated. The *Razon* answers that he does not see why a serious subject should not be discussed in a manner to prevent readers from going to sleep over it; that a pleasant, jokey style of writing does not prejudice the facts of a question, and he cites the article of the *Union Ibramense* on the celebrated "five millions." He might have cited the *Standard*, too; but the English language has not penetrated so far into the Interior. I only wish all the other provincial papers would follow the steps of the *Razon*, not only those of Rosario, but even many of those of Buenos Ayres.

In one number of this paper I find the following items:—"A Mr. Ligonie has imported a large quantity of stones from the United States, and a great deal of next year's sugar will come down in barrels instead of bags. But surely they will be able to find a native wood adequate for that purpose. That the new Hospital, which will be a spacious and elegant building, is rapidly being completed. That they consume in Tucuman an average of fifty beef cattle per day, and ten hogs. That the Municipality is not doing its duty, allowing coaches to run at night without lamps. That maize is abundant and cheap. That there is a feverish activity in planting new cane-fields."

The Germans patriotically celebrated the birthday of their great Emperor by a grand banquet. A bust, surrounded with flags, of the creator of the German Empire was at the head of the gaily decorated saloon. We English admire the gallant old Emperor almost as much as the Germans themselves, and I am sure we all desire to see a number of years added to his venerable eighty-four.

The month of March got quite out of its common groove this year. It is usually the pleasantest month of the year, but it will be remembered this year for its continued and oppressive heat and drought. On Wednesday, however, we had a rather heavy shower, and the atmosphere is somewhat cooler. The river is still rising, having covered already all the wharves, and promises to be the highest flood known for twenty years.

The beautiful steamer *Tridente* brought up a pleasure party from San Nicolas, but it was badly arranged, for more than double the number embarked that should not,

and the consequence was a disagreeable squeeze. On Sunday next the steamer will take a more select party from Rosario to San Nicolas.

Mr. Edrye, the popular agent, will arrange matters differently. The number invited will be what the vessel can comfortably hold, and this result will be obtained by not sending a general invitation to a family, but so many tickets, according to the number of adults in the family, and no children or servants will be allowed. Should anything attractive occur I will let you know.

For twenty-one days of this month the Rosario Custom-house has produced \$114,892, the largest returns ever known here. The month's returns will show nearly two hundred thousand fuertes; and the National Government has not thought it incumbent on them to build a wharf to facilitate this large and increasing trade.

The estancia of the late Mr. Lejaza, of one square league, situate about twelve leagues from Rosario, was sold for 32,000 dollars, Bolivian silver, the estate 94 dollars, and the sheep at 144 reales. Mr. Antonio Zubelew was the purchaser. The estancia has a very good house on it.

W. P.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

We give some additional news from Europe in another column. Between earthquakes in Italy, snow storms in England, riots and republicanism in Portugal, an exodus from Dub in etc, etc, the Old Continent seems to be in rather a bad way just now. Many people believe that the hopes held out in Havana's telegram as to a settlement of the Greek Question will prove fallacious. Turkey has to be carved up, and little Greece wants to get her slice before the big Powers fall on the unfortunate bird.

The meeting of the Provincial Chamber of Deputies on Monday was an important one for estancia and hide exporters. A Bill was laid on the table providing that the future all cattle in this province shall be branded on the lower part of the leg, on the breast, or on the forehead, instead of on the haunches, as at present; also that the brand used must not be more than 15 centimetres in diameter, and may be as small as the owner finds convenient. A fine of \$5,000 mpc is provided for all who use the old brand after the law is passed. Deputy Naon made a most effective speech in introducing the Bill, and the House at once agreed to include it in the Bills to be discussed in extraordinary session. The honorable Deputy then moved that the Bill be discussed there and then ("ad hoc tablas"). Deputy Castro opposed the motion, and the Bill was referred to a Committee. It is a matter on which there cannot be two opinions, except as to details, and we hope there will be no delay, either by the Committee, the House, or the Senate in passing the Bill. It is a reform most urgently called for, as the present system of branding cattle in this country is both barbarous and destructive, and seriously affects the price of hides in the European market. About a month ago we had a communication from Mr. J. T. Cunliffe, of Warrington, one of the largest hide buyers and tanners in England, and he informed us that the shameful system of branding in use in this country reduces the value of Buenos Aires hides immensely, and that they would be worth from a halfpenny to one penny per lb. more in England but for the injury caused by the branding. There are many Deputies who own large estancias, and can tell the House what a halfpenny per lb. amounts to in a cargo of hides, so we hope to see this most useful measure become law without too much florid oratory being devoted to it.

Our Scotch friends must not forget that the soiree of their admirable Sunday School comes off this evening at the Coliseum. The influence of Sunday schools in youthful training is immense, and the more of them there are in the country, of all denominations, the better for it. We wish the Caledonian "wee bodies" a very pleasant evening.

Advices from Montevideo yesterday state that the Bola down there is very nervous about the aspect of political affairs, and so are merchants. The new Custom-house Law shows an increase of 50 per cent. in the duties on "generos," which will, of course, check consumption, reduce the revenue and encourage smuggling; but Banda Oriental statesmen seem to be ignorant of this fact. In fact, things over the water are going from bad to worse daily, and Dr. Latorre must soon be called in, if poor B.O. is to survive.

The mania for suicide amongst boys in their teens is on the increase. The self-inflicted death of young Romero, a lad of 19, has been followed by the suicide of Gerardo Knoblauch, a boy of about the same age. There must be something appalling wrong in either the home or the school training of the country when mere children deliberately re-

sort to a crime which the Creator specially denounces. It is truly terrible.

The programme of the Concert at the Italian Exhibition to-night is so good that we can conscientiously recommend everybody who can to go and pass a pleasant evening. Air Poggi's splendid organ in the grand hall has been purchased by Father Vita, the respected parish priest of Flores, for the new church there. The price was \$150,000 mpc.

We learn that the Bell Telephone will be in working order before the end of April, with all its lines converging in one Central Office, enabling all subscribers to inter-communicate. This affair has taken, and we expect to see before long a complete network of telephone lines all over the city. The Bell Telephone Office (Boston Continental) is at 134 Piedad.

We learn that the Post Master General has again renewed the mail contract for the ports of the River Parana with our friend "Provedor" Bruce. This ensures punctuality in this part of our riverine postal service.

A poor little fellow of 8 years fell from the roof of a three-story house in Calle Lavalle, on Sunday, while flying a kite, and was literally dashed to pieces. Will the direful repetition of these awful accidents never teach parents the danger of allowing their boys to fly kites on the house-tops. Why not send them to the green fields of the suburbs to enjoy their favourite sport?

M. Patin, the talented leader of the orchestra at the Florida Gardens, takes his benefit to-night. The programme is first-rate, and Mr. Patin deserves a "bumper" from the frequenters of this popular place of amusement, as he has afforded them most enjoyable "ratos" during the season.

Messrs. Abraham Bloch and Co., of 176 Calle Maipú, have initiated what are styled "Ocupones Comerciales," nice little books of "values" which ensure purchasers of goods a discount of 5 per cent at any of a long list of respectable shops in this city. Ten coupons can be bought for \$5 mpc, and if \$2,000 worth is purchased in one shop, the buyer, by presenting one coupon, which costs 4 reales, will get a discount of \$100 on his purchase. It is a form of the co-operative system now so much in vogue in England. Our lady readers will find all about it in the *Moda* of this week.

The auction of the splendid half-bred horses from Messrs. Col's stud farm in Entre Rios, to-day, by Baltar and Quesada, affords a good opportunity for purchasing excellent saddle horses, such as are not to be had every day. Good judges tell us that they have rarely seen finer horses in any part of the world.

The "City of London" must be doing a lousy business. The proprietors, Messrs. Le Brun, are said to have offered Mr. Artigues, the jeweller next door to them, 400,000 mpc for the unexpired term of his lease, as they want his premises to enlarge their own. He asks half a million.

There was a distinguished crowd on the Mole yesterday morning to welcome home Dr. Lucio Lopez and Colonel Viejobueno who have just returned from a sojourn in Europe. The morning was very cold, but the "labreros" bestowed on the returned travellers were very warm.

At the Custom House receipts on 28th instant were:—
Liquors—36,240
Metallic—42,860
Cattle—79,068

The Provincial land auction has excited much interest, and it is the names of so many countrymen amongst the purchasers: Messrs. Chute & Gahan paid the highest average price per hectare. The following was the result of the auction:—

Buyer Valore
30,000 Santiago A. Gahan \$35 per hectare
18,000 Chute 41
20,000 Del Campo 20
29,000 J. B. Cruz 31
1,000 Gargueta 23
1,000 J. Guerrero 23
9,000 J. Aball 27
9,000 J. Ligonie 28
8,000 Bridger 23
8,000 Mores Cazon 23
2,000 W. Escalante 23
7,000 Mores Cazon 23

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Over 1700 National Bank shares changed hands at 79½, 78½, and 78. There was a slight rise in Buenos Aires, but business in the stock is very insignificant.

For 24 hours gold remained about the same. Some 600 more of the National Bank shares were sold at 78½ and 78. There is little doing in exchange at 49½, not only in England, but in Montevideo 4½ p.m., on Paris 5.25.25 p.m. Freight is another land produce is very slow, both for steamer and sailing vessels, and freight for the latter is at 17½ and 6 per cent for Antwerp.

Mr. Neri's ship has brought for 30,000 mpc the through-hull King Charming, put up for auction at Blandings.

The Colomes will succeed to the Sataron on the Montevideo route.

The sales at the ring were:—
For cash 25,000 at 28.50
For March 31st 47,500 at 28.50-29.50
For April 2nd 29,000 at 28.50
For April 3rd 4,000 at 28.50
For April 20th 4,500 at 28.50
For April 21st 145,000 at 28.50
For April 22nd 35,000 at 28.50-29.50
Sales, 75,000.

For March 31st A 55,000 at 94.00
Nat. Bank Shares—
For 25 shares at 73½
For March 31st 1,200 shares 79.75-81.50
For April 30th 500 shares at 79½-81.50
Sales, 1,170.

Treasury Notes—
For cash 15,000 at 1½ premium.
We hear that Mr. Durand intends leaving for Europe for some months; we wish him a propitious voyage.

The following hide sales are reported:—
From Rodolfo Salazar 4,000 novillo hides at 60 to 61½ rs.
From Casa Blanca 10,000 novillo hides and 600 cow hides at 50 to 51½ rs.
3,500 fat capones were sold to-day at \$50.

The following is the cargo per Plata and list of passengers:—
For cash 15,000 at 1½ premium.
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7,843 salted hides
1,480 dry hides
1,211 salted hides
637 bags lined
207 packages minerals.

Specie:—
117 packages, value \$140,931.50 gold
For Liverpool—
2,250 bags lined
240 bags of barley
240 bags of barley
34 do horsem
2,958 salted hides
128 bales wool
207 packages minerals
251 bales do
80 packages do

Passengers:—
Mr and Mrs Wright and 4 children, Joseph Danlop, Wm. Danlop, Thomas Barry, Edward Danlop, Wm. Danlop, M. Danlop, Mrs. Danlop, Peter Inglesier, wife and baby, Patrick Fegan, Ellen Fegan, Mary Fegan, Margaret Fegan, Mary Fegan.

In another column will be found a notice of the London Platino-Brazilian Telegraph Co. Limited, notifying that a general meeting of the Company will take place on the 23rd May next, in the Company's office in London, 66 Old Broad Street. Shareholders here can attend by proxy by applying at 101 Calle San Martin.

Advices from Paysandu report the camps improved by the rain. The Casa Blanca, Sacre and Santa Maria establishments are killing fast; the cattle are in fair condition.

The wool is coming a little faster of late, and there is more activity evident in the market, buyers showing more inclination to purchase.

The inundation of the Boca temporarily stopped all business in the place; it appears that the water in some places reached a height of two feet.

Messrs. Woodgate give the following in their valuable mail circular:—
Freight:—
The month of March has been the dullest we have had for some years; they having been fewer steamers, the rate for bale has slightly improved. The number of bales of wool sailed and engaged to date for March 1881, against 1878 last year:

156,265 in 1879
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158,184 in 1881
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